have joined the Airlines recently are required to execute a bond for Rs. 10 lakhs with the stipulation to serve Indian Airlines for a minimum period of 10 years in the first instance and for a further period of 10 years after every conversion/endorsement. It has also been decided to recruit and train pilots in sufficient number to take care of the exodus of pilots.

Allocations for Priority PLI Scheme

38. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government during the last five years for priority Postal Life Insurance Scheme in Gujarat;

(b) what has been the total allocation of this scheme District-wise during the year 1991-92 and till 31st December, 1992 during 1992-93;

(c) what targets have been fixed for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(d) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The following steps were taken:

(i) Meeting and drives organised through development Officers and field Offices.

(ii) Publicity made through Hoardings, Neon Sign Boards and Advertisements in Newspapers.

(iii) Publicity through Personal contact and distribution of souvenir items to prospective Insurants.

(iv) PLI clients' meets were organised.

(v) PLI service counter was established in Circle Office for effective after sale service.

(vi) Expenditure on publicity was as follows.

1988-89 — Rs. 1,21,366
1989-90 — Rs. 1,44,934
1990-91 — Rs. 1,31,717
1991-92 — Rs. 1,79,578
1 — Rs. 34,400 (up to Dec. 92)

No District-wise allocations of targets have been fixed since the scheme is conducted by the Circle Office through Circle field staff.

(c) and (d) Target for the year 1992-93 is Rs. 127 Crores for Gujarat.

Target for the year 1993-94 has not been fixed yet.

New Telephone Connections

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of new telephone, telex and fax connections effected in the country during the year 1991-92 and how many connections are anticipated to be effected during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): The numbers effected during 1991-92 for:

Telephone — 735410
Telex — 1795

The number anticipated to be effected during 1992-93 are given below: —

Telephones — 8.5 Lakhs
Telex — 1902 Nos.

Fax is a privately owned accessory connected to the existing telephone lines. The telephone subscribers wanting to connect FAX machine on their teleprone line, obtain a permission by paying a licence fee to do so from the Department Hence the question of releasing new fax connections does not arise.